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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03/13/2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S5108)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments and Amendments

1. Claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 are pending.
Claims 1, 6, 12 and 24 have been amended.
Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.
Claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 are examined on the merits.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Withdrawn Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiener et al./ WO 2005/000207 A2 (effective filing date May 30, 2003/ IDS reference B06 submitted August 25, 2006) is withdrawn in light of Applicant's filing of a declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 1.132 of Michael S. Kinch on March 13, 2009 declaring Mr. Kinch is the sole inventor. Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun et al./ WO 2004/045544 A2 (effective filing date 19 November 2002), and further in view of Kiener et al./ WO 2005/000207 A2 (effective filing date May 30, 2003/ IDS reference B06 submitted August 25, 2006) is withdrawn in light of the Kiener reference is not available as prior art. Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.

5. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Serrero/ U.S. Patent Application Publication number 2003/0108950 A1 (filed October 28, 2002/ IDS reference A10 submitted August 25, 2006), and further in view of Kiener et al./ WO 2005/000207 A2 (effective filing date May 30, 2003/ IDS reference B06 submitted August 25, 2006) is withdrawn in light of the Kiener reference is not available as prior art. Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 11-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sun et al./ WO 2004/045544 A2 (effective filing date 19 November 2002) is maintained and made. Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.

Applicants sets forth the criteria mandated by 35 USC § 102 and notes "Sun does not teach or suggest a method of diagnosing a pre-cancerous condition", see Remarks submitted March 13, 2009, last sentence of page 5. Applicants assert the language used by Sun limits the reference from being used as prior art and does not read on the diagnosis of a pre-cancerous condition, see Remarks, page 6. Applicants' arguments and points of view have been carefully considered, but found unpersuasive.

Applicants' claims comprising two active steps, a) contacting cells from a subject with a PCDGF antibody and b) detecting said antibody and antibody binding, wherein higher level detection of PCDGF antibody than level of PCDGF binding in the sample of a control subject. The use of the terms "tumorigenic cell" and "cancer cells" does not preclude the prior art from reading on the claims. Sun clearly meets these two limitations and moreover, as the claims are written the detecting of increased PCDGF binding clearly denotes a pre-cancerous condition. Sun discloses on page 16 of the document,

[0043] Anti-PCDGF receptor antibodies are capable of binding to tumorigenic cells but not to normal cells. As shown in FIG. 7, anti-PCDGF receptor antibodies bind strongly to breast cancer tissue (panels B and C) but not to normal tissue (panel A) in an immunostaining protocol using 10 micrograms/ml of 6G8 anti-PCDGF receptor antibody. Thus, anti-PCDGF receptor antibodies can also be used to diagnose tumorigenicity by comparing the level of PCDGF receptor in a tissue sample or biopsy to the level of PCDGF receptor in normal tissue. Elevated levels of PCDGF receptor indicate the cells are tumorigenic.

The claimed invention is also disclosed in claims 38-47. The said antibody, including humanized antibodies contact tumorigenic cells such as cells derived from blood, urine, nipple aspirate, prostate, neural and lung via immunoassays, see page 7, section 0024; page 12, section 0034; page 13, section 0035; and page 16, section 0044.

7. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 12 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Serrero/ U.S. Patent Application Publication number 2003/0108950 A1 (filed October 28, 2002/ IDS reference A10 submitted August 25, 2006) is maintained and made. Claims 4, 5, 7-10 and 23 have been cancelled.

Applicants' assert "Serrero does not teach a method of diagnosing a pre-cancerous condition" and reiterate the criteria mandated by 35 USC § 102, see Remarks, page 7. Applicants' arguments and points of view have been carefully considered, but found unpersuasive.

Applicants' claims comprising two active steps, a) contacting cells from a subject with a PCDGF antibody and b) detecting said antibody and antibody binding, wherein

higher level detection of PCDGF antibody than level of PCDGF binding in the sample of a control subject. Serrero clearly meets these two limitations and moreover, as the claims are written the detecting of increased PCDGF binding clearly denotes a pre-cancerous condition. GP88 is art known to as 88 kDa glycoprotein PC cell-derived growth factor (PCDGF/GP88), also known as progranulin. The publication number discloses measuring the concentration of GP88 in blood, plasma, serum, saliva, urine, needle biopsies from breast cancer patients, as well as other biological fluids detected by immunoassay methods including the use of antibodies, hence reading on Applicants' claims, see abstract; page 8, section 0099-page 9, section 0106.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Alana M. Harris, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)272-0831. The Examiner works a flexible schedule, however she can normally be reached between the hours 7:30 am to 6:30 pm, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Larry R. Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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